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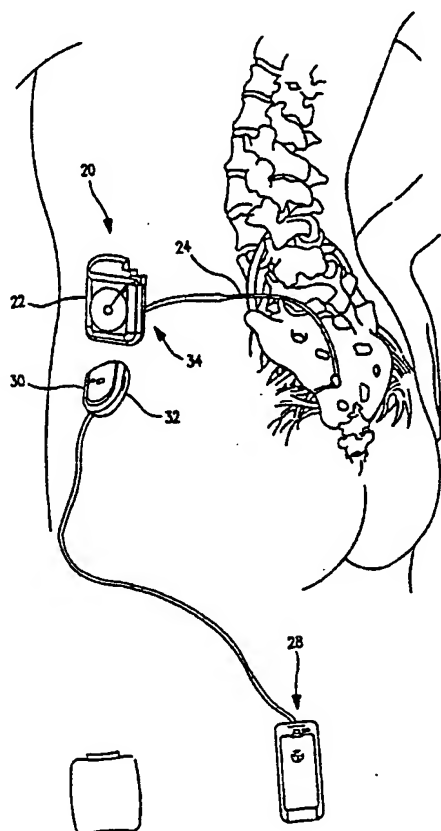
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(54) Title: AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE WITH A REGARDING COIL MAGNETIC SHIELD



(57) Abstract: A rechargeable implantable medical device with a magnetic shield placed on the distal side of a secondary recharging coil to improve recharging efficiency is disclosed. The rechargeable implantable medical device can be a wide variety of medical devices such as neuro-stimulators, drug delivery pumps, pace-makers, defibrillators, diagnostic recorders, and cochlear implants. The implantable medical device has a secondary recharging coil carried over a magnetic shield and coupled to electronics and a rechargeable power source carried inside the housing. The electronics are configured to perform a medical therapy. Additionally a method for enhancing electromagnetic coupling during recharging of an implantable medical device is disclosed, and a method for reducing temperature rise during recharging of an implantable medical device is disclosed.

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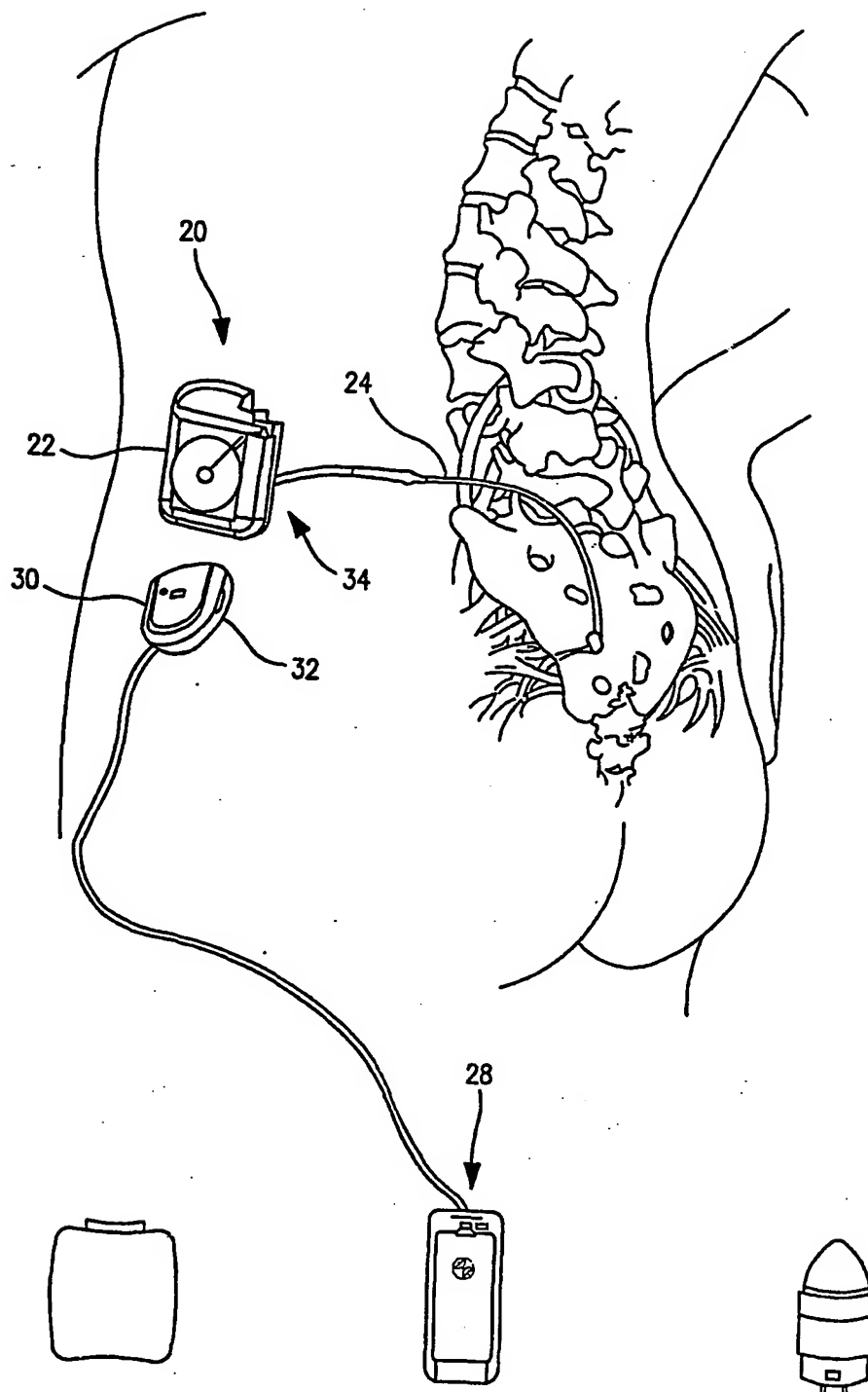


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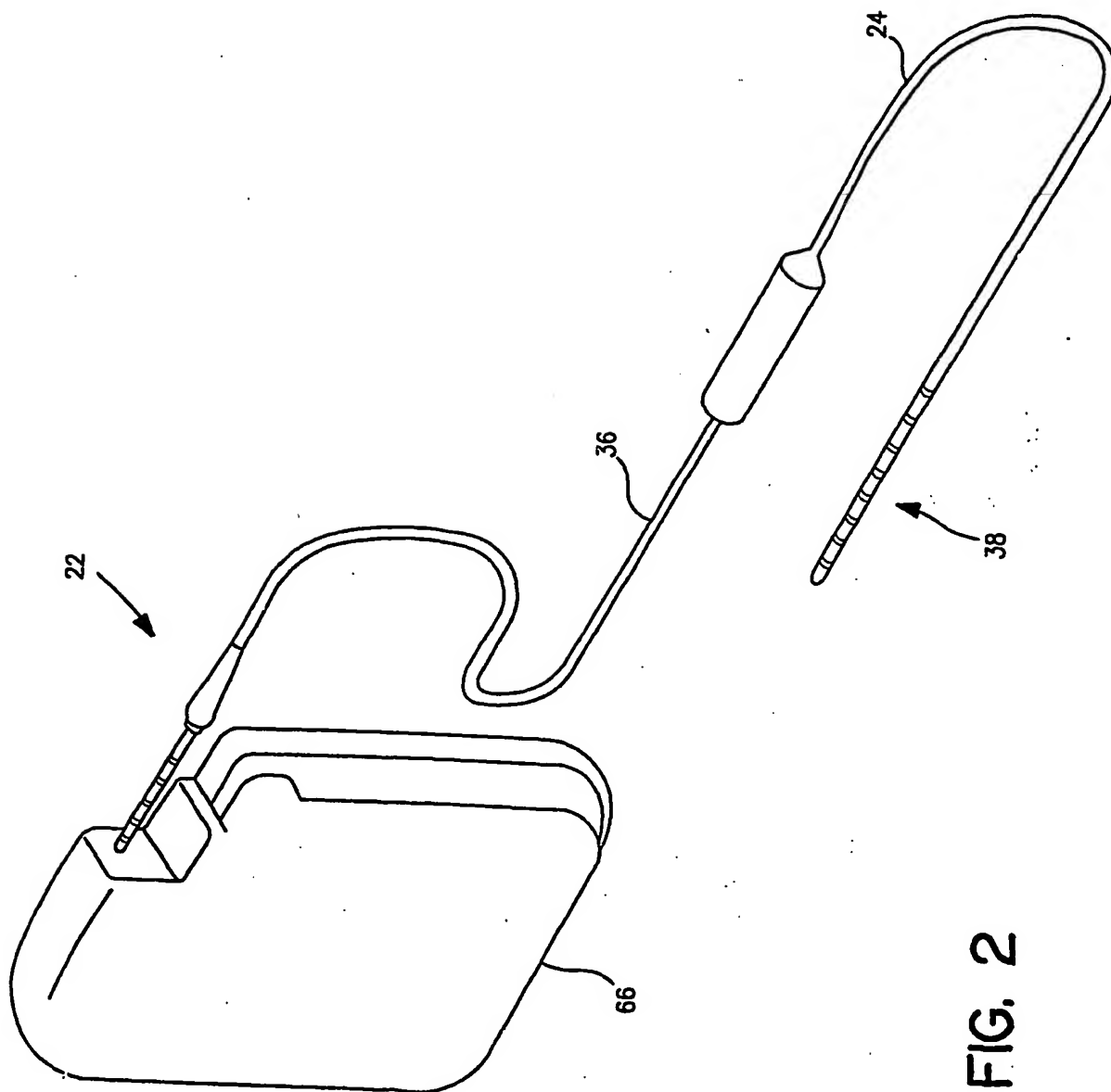


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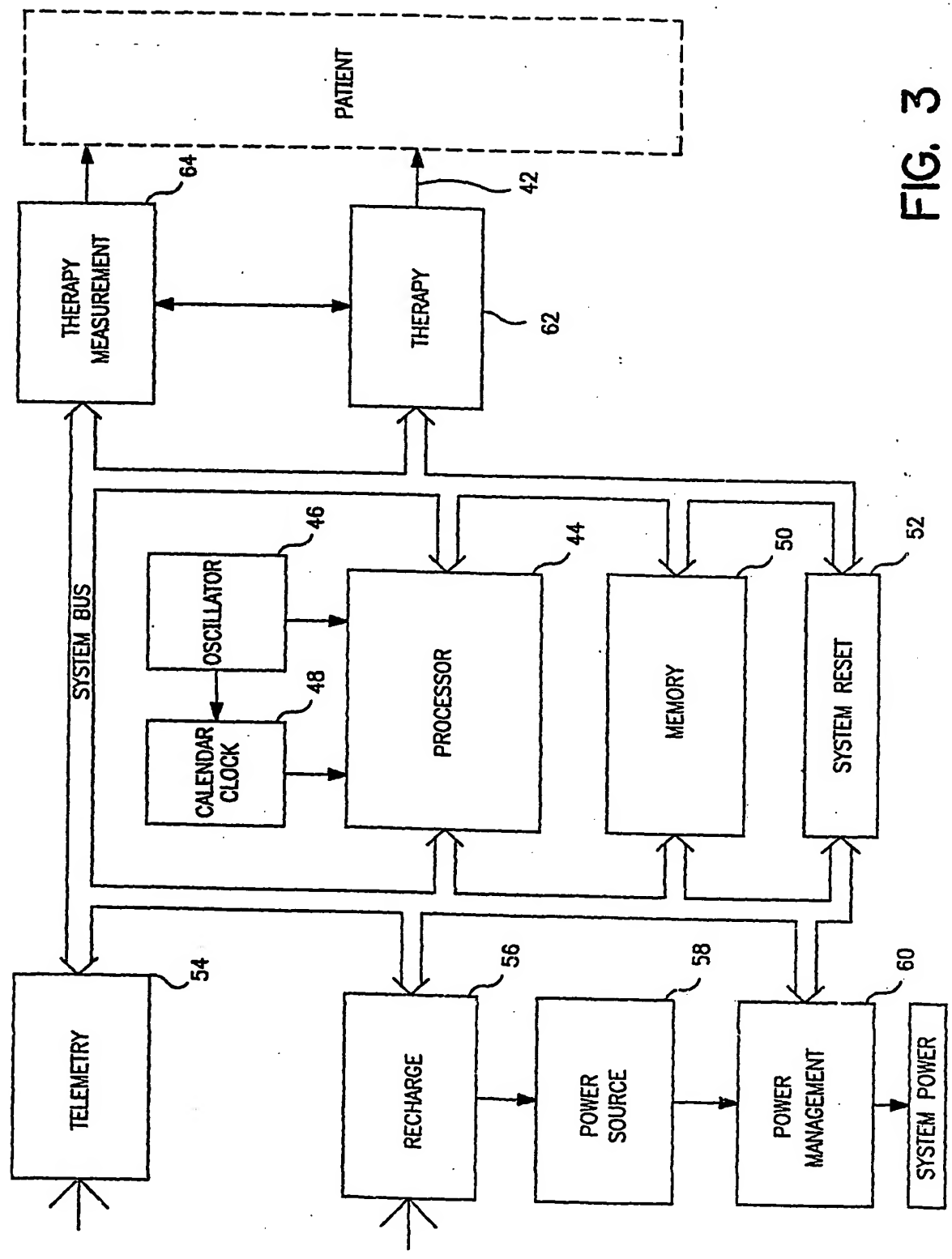


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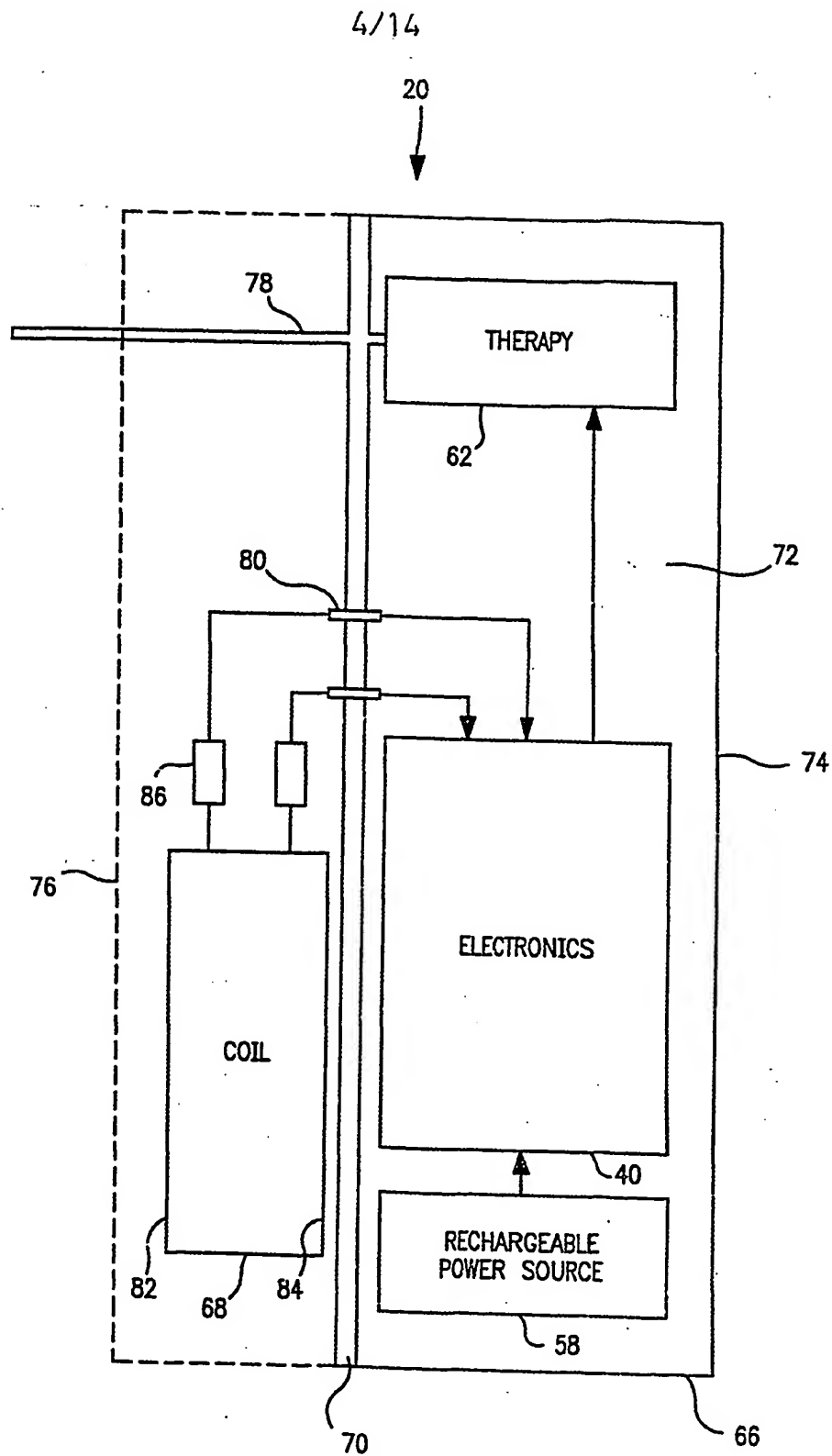


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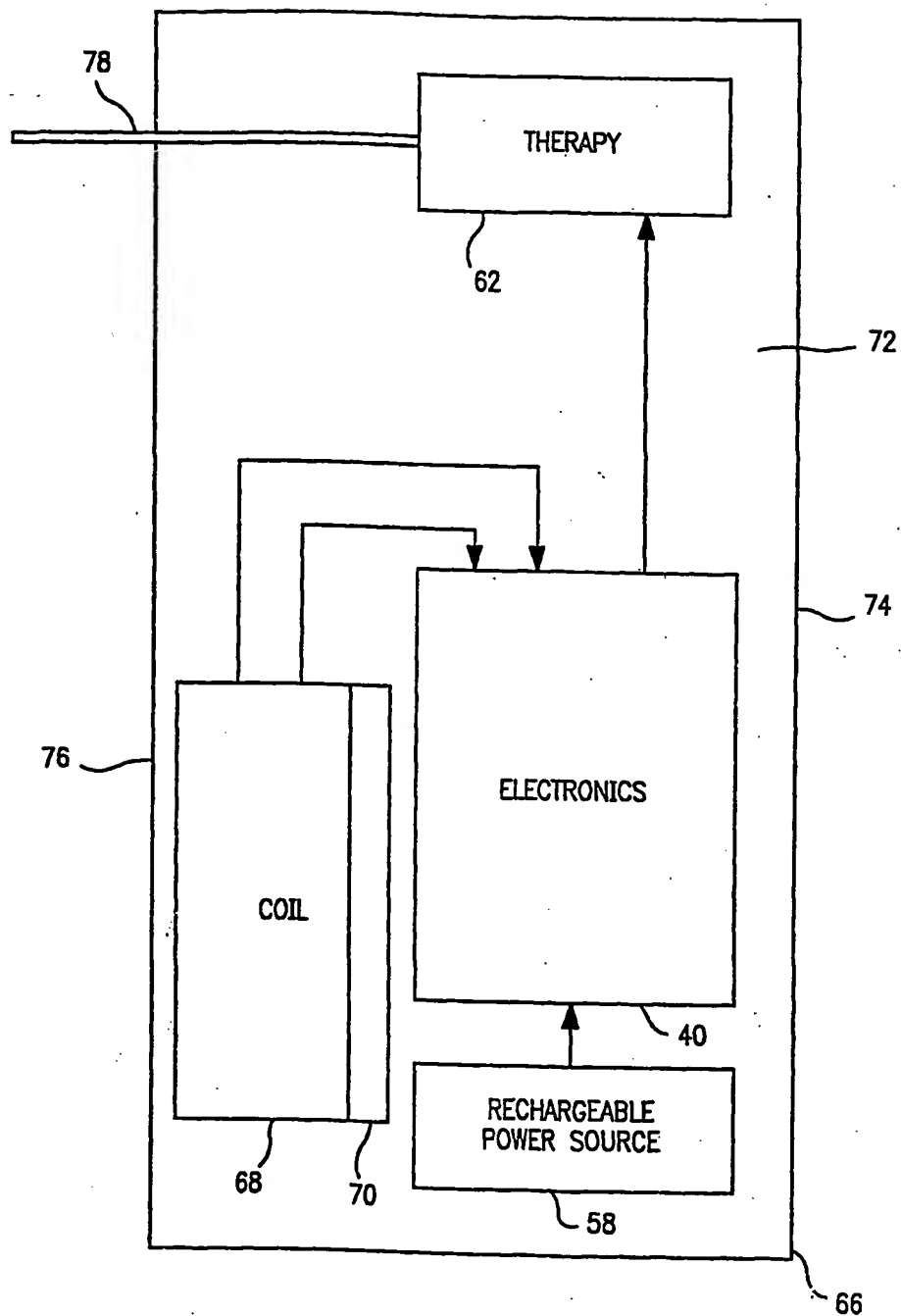


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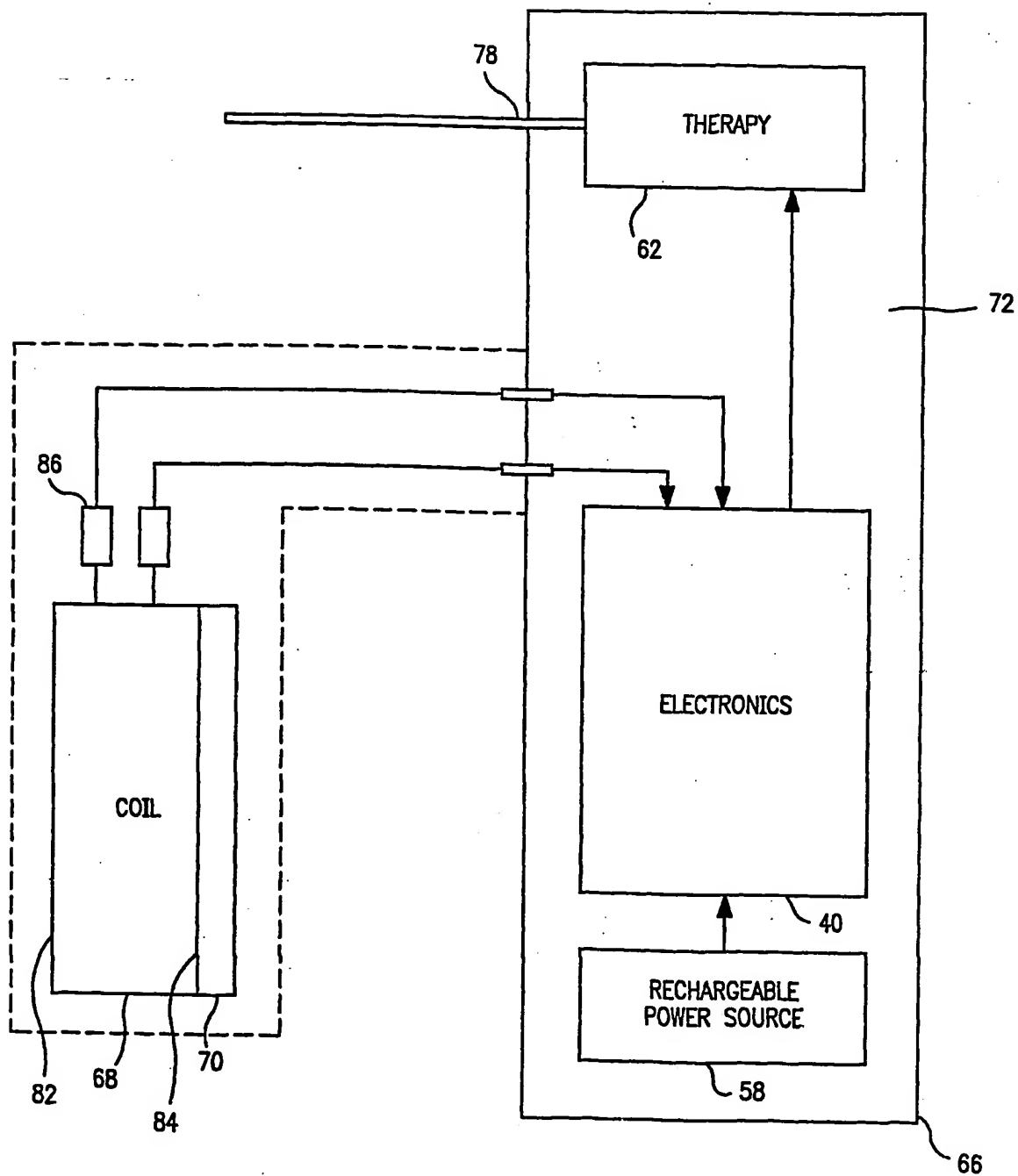


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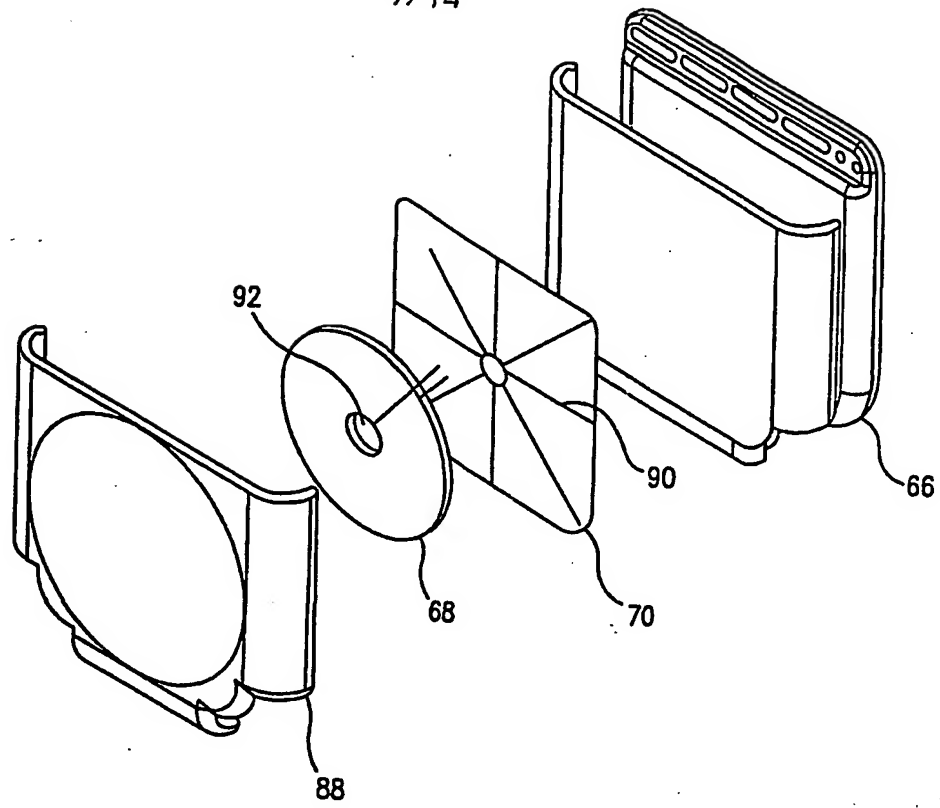


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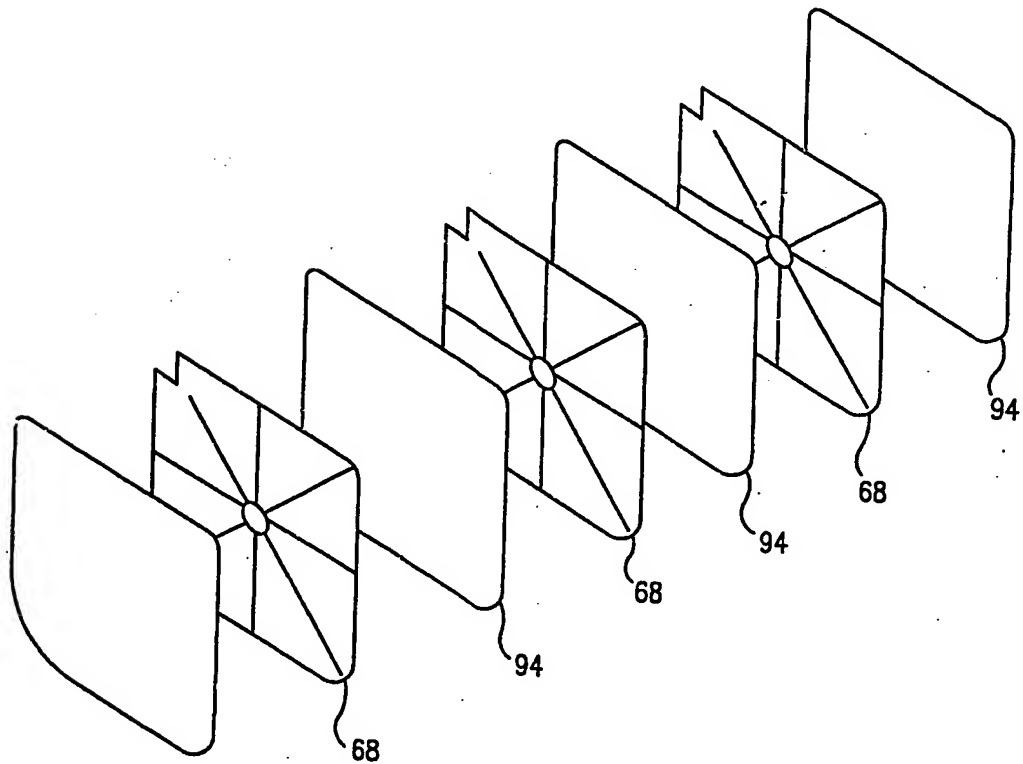


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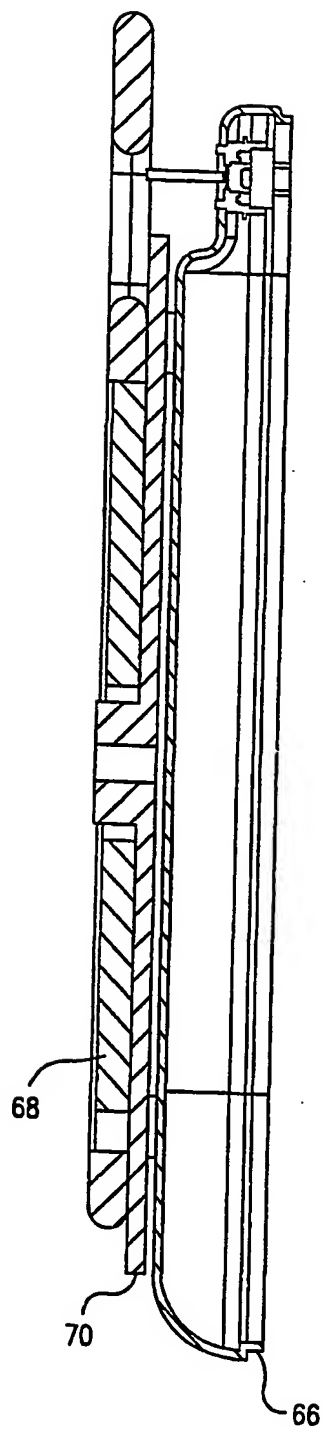


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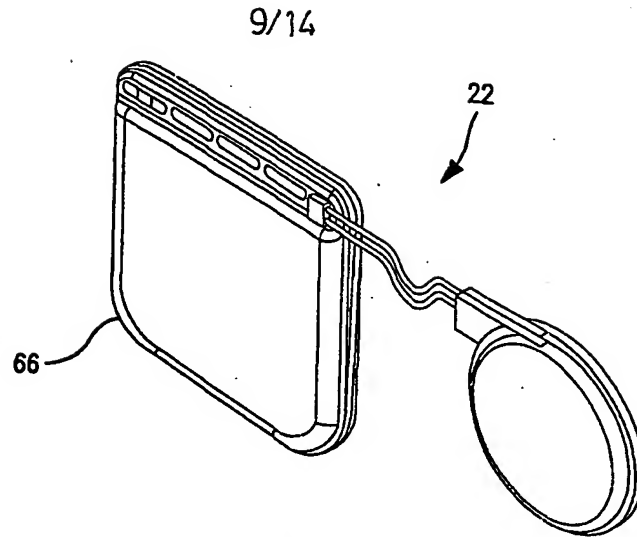


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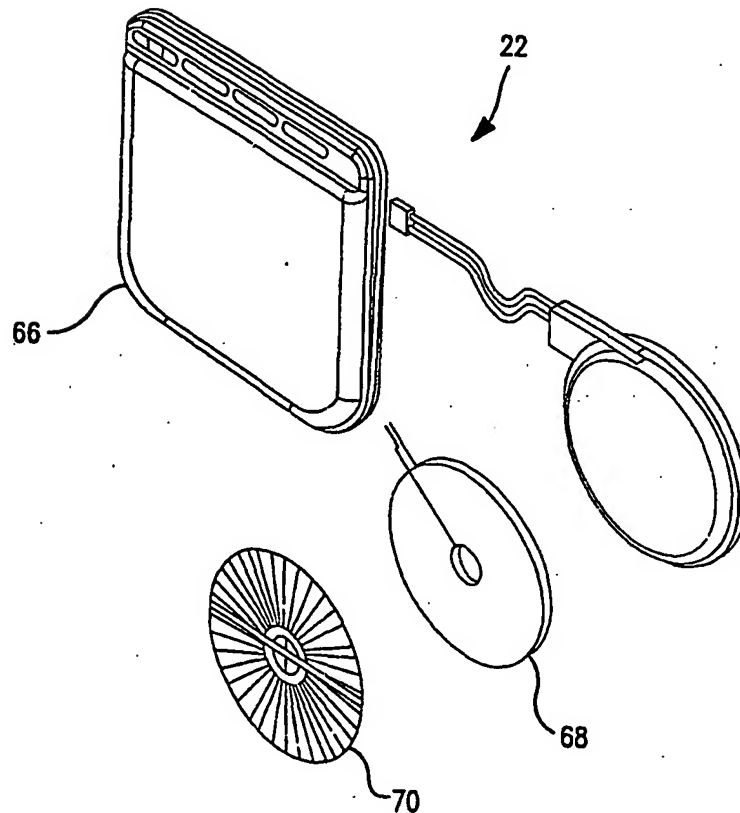


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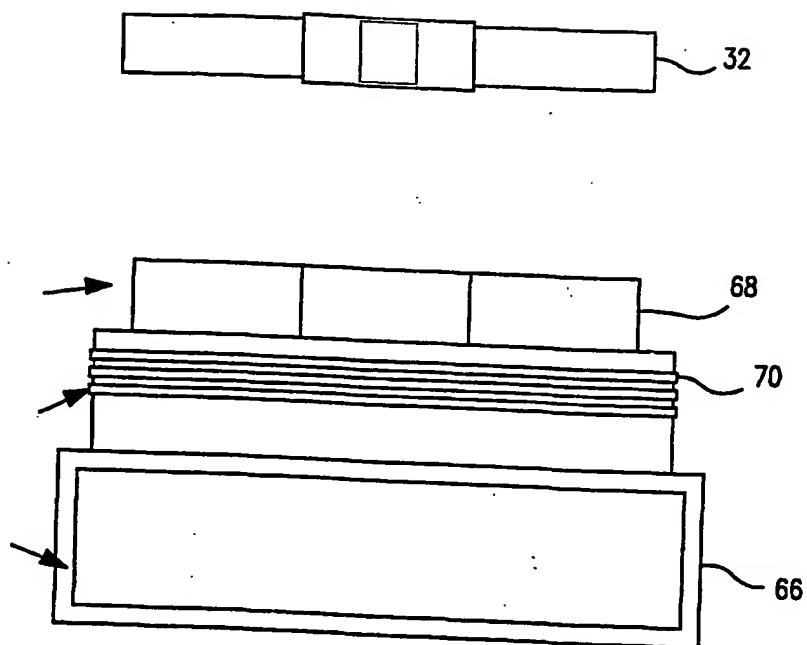


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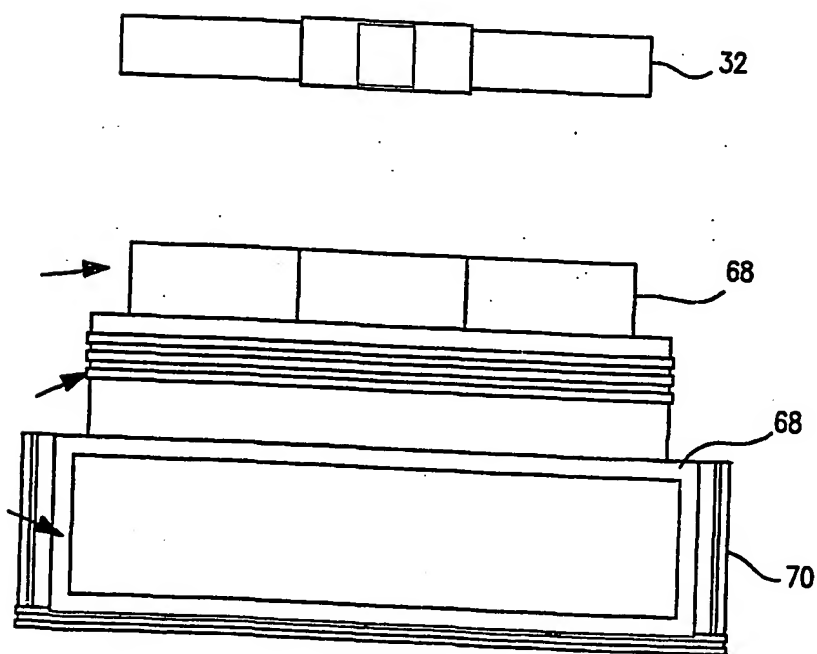


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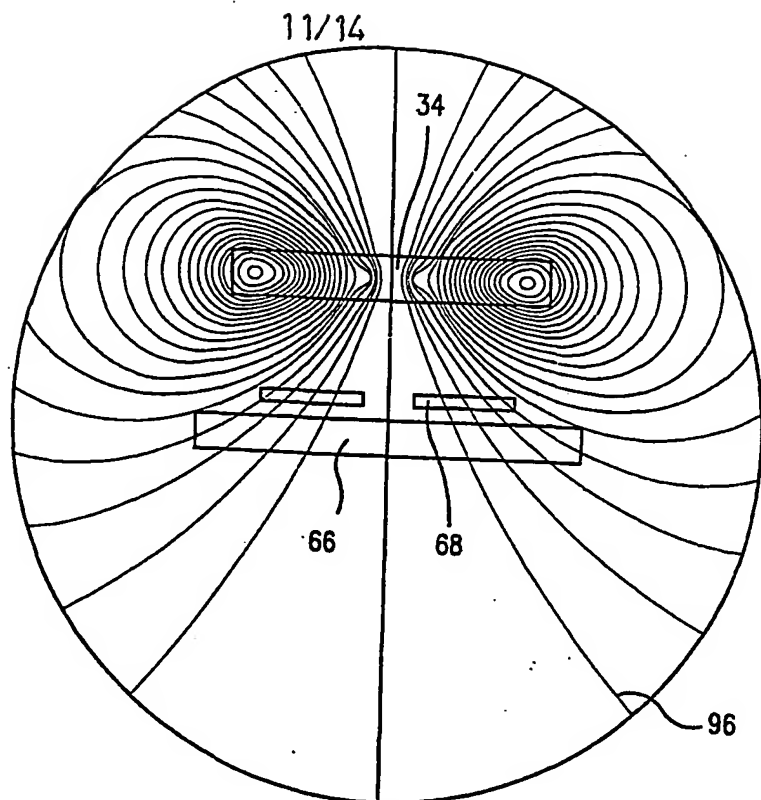


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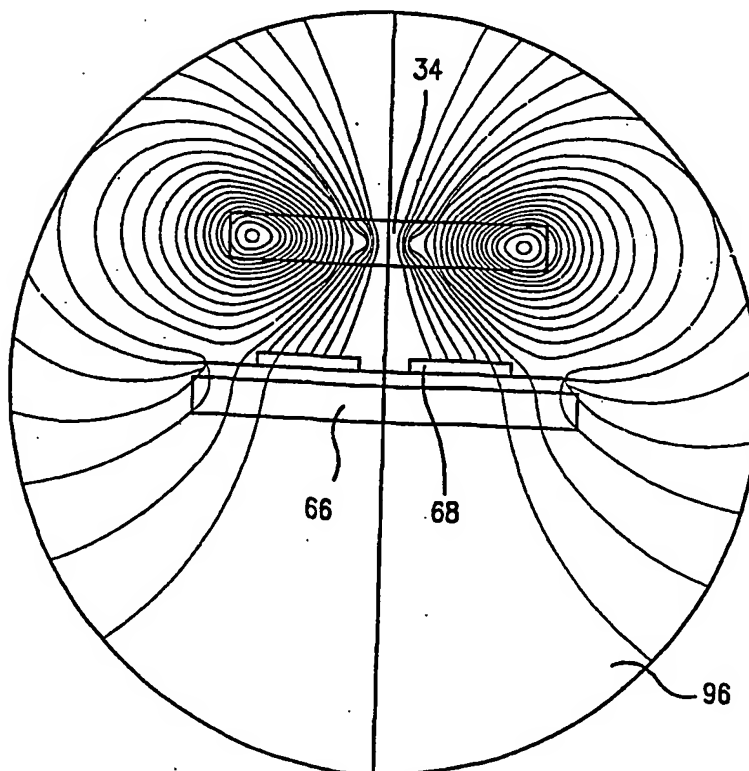


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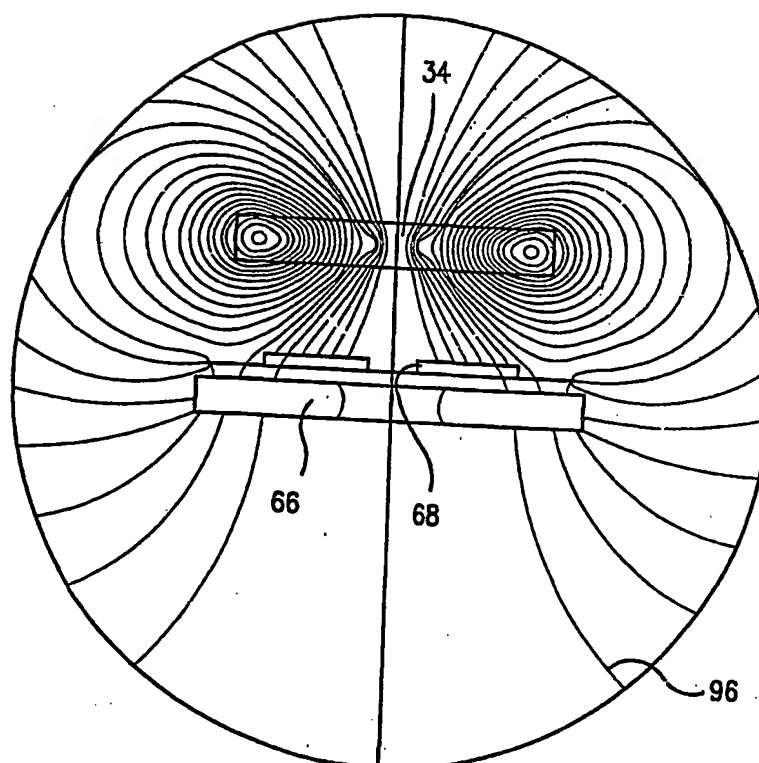


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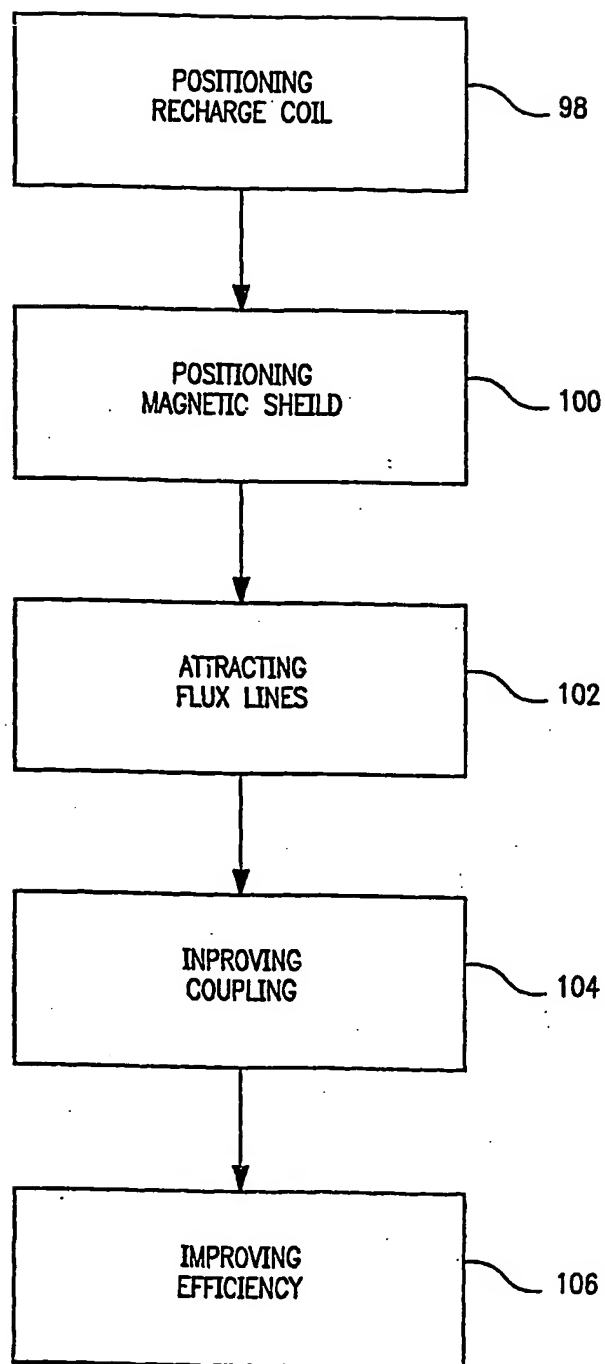


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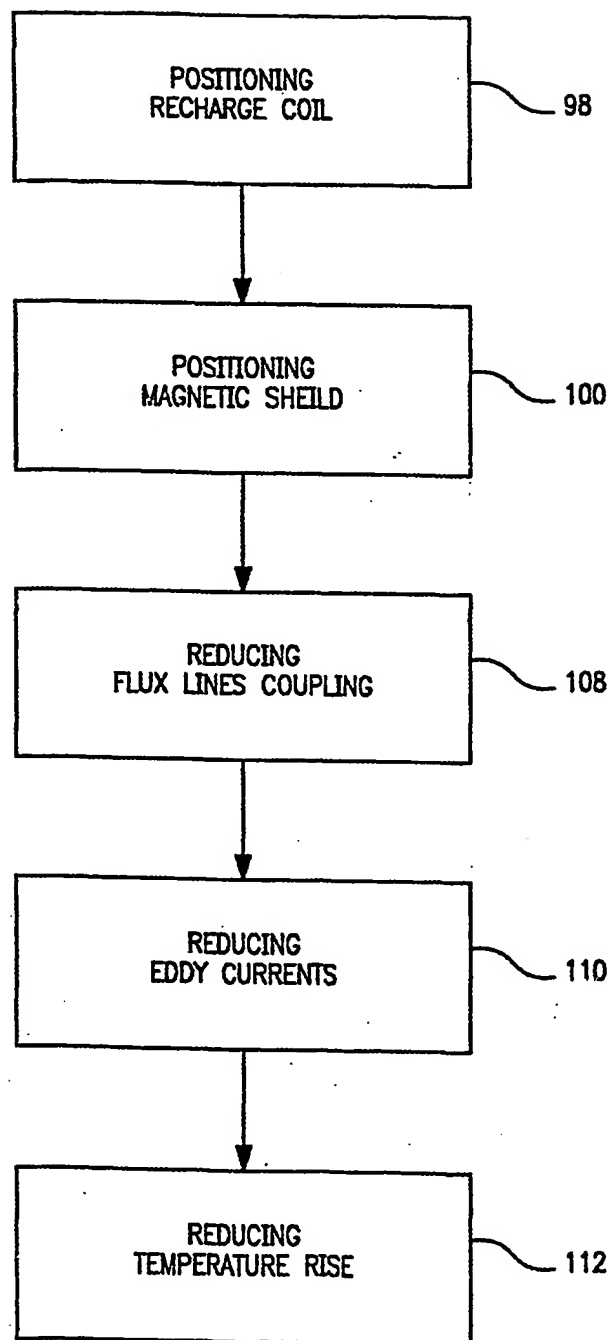


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